

Ultrasonic gasflowmeters

Application of the latest generation of ultrasonic gasflowmeters



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Ultrasonic gasflowmeters main benefits

- Ultrasonic flowmeter for gas - OPTISONIC 7300
- Ultrasonic flowmeter for high temperature gas/ steam - OPTISONIC 8300
- **Excellent long term stability**
 - Consistent results over time; 1 month, 1 year, 10 years
 - No moving parts
 - No wear, no re-calibration
- **High performance over a wide measurement range**
 - -30 ..30 m/s (Steam -80..80m/s)
 - Measures from zero
 - 30:1 turndown or better
 - Large variation in gas compositions and densities
 - Large temperature and pressure range
 - Resistant against liquids in the gas



Ultrasonic gasflowmeters main benefits

- **Diagnostics to validate flowmeter and process**
 - Detection of operational conditions going out of specification: density, damping, flowspeed, liquids.
 - Detection of external disturbances
- **Integrated flowcomputer**
 - calculation to standard conditions
 - Input of pressure and temperature
- **Maintenance free full bore flowsensor**
 - Solid state: no wear
 - No moving parts
- **Economic alternative for mechanical flow meters**
 - Low investment (capex)
 - Low operational cost (opex)



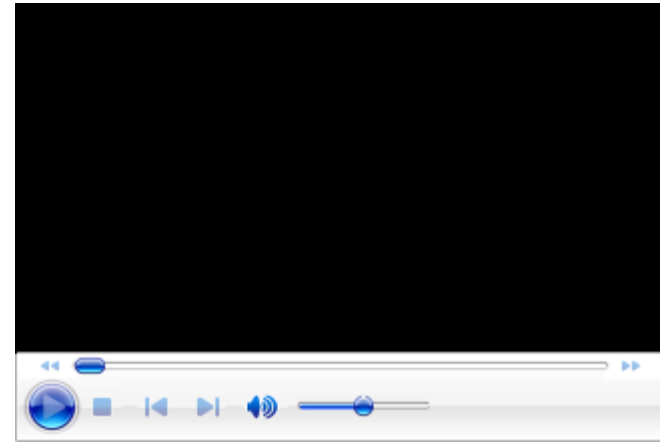
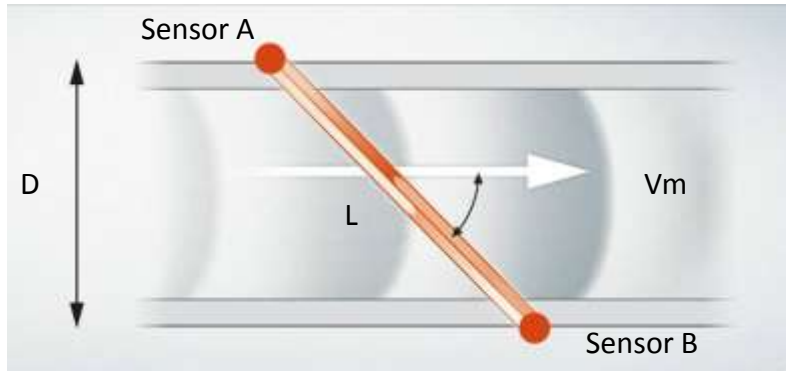
Ultrasonic sensor technology

- Special transducer design for gasflowmeters
- Acoustic signal going backwards through the transducer towards the pipe wall is dampened, *killing the crosstalk*
- Use of titanium and high power signal maximizes the acoustic energy into the gas
- 1 of 2 pads flowmeter (high Reynolds values)



Patented design OPTISONIC 7300

UFM: The transit time principle – Independent of the medium!



- $\text{Transit Time} = \text{Distance} / \text{Speed}$
- Acoustic signals are transmitted and received over the diagonal measurement path
- A sound wave moves faster with the flow than against the flow
- The difference in transit time is directly proportional to the average flow speed of the medium (on measuring path)

Applications: Petrochemical, Refineries

Customer: BASF
Location: Antwerp
Process: Butadiene plant
Medium: Butane (44)
Flowmeter: OPTISONIC 7300 C - 30" (DN750)

Butadiene is a raw material that can be used to produce synthetic rubber, among other applications.

Remarks: The plant will have an annual production capacity of 155,000 metric tons → high flow speed (40 m/s)

Challenge: High flowrate

Specific benefits: Large diameter and **no pressure loss**



Applications: Petrochemical, Refineries

Customer: ORL refinery
Location: Haifa, Israel
Process: Hydrocracker
Medium: **Hydrogen 152 Bar, 175°C**
Flowmeter: OPTISONIC 7300 F 12" **weld in**

Remarks:

- The OPTISONIC 7300 is weld in to counter the risk of leakage at the process connection
- The solution provided by KROHNE is unique in the world

Specific benefits:

Avoid the risk on breaking impulse lines of DP flowmeters at earthquakes with would cause leakage of hydrogen.



Applications: Petrochemical, Refineries

Customer: Shell Pernis refinery
Location: Rotterdam
Process: Steam distribution
Medium: Low (220°C & 3,6 barg) and medium (350°C & 18 barg) pressure steam
Flowmeter: OPTISONIC 8300 F 6 to 12" **weld in**



Remarks:

- Meters used for billing
- Flow computers mounted in Ex-d boxes

Specific benefits:

- No pressure drop
- 1 % measuring accuracy on massflow, high repeatability
- Large dynamic measuring range
- Maintenance free



Applications: Petrochemical, Refineries

Customer:	Chemical Company
Location:	The Netherlands
Process:	Viton production
Medium:	Emission measurement of ventilation air with chemical gases in variable concentration, to fulfill legal requirement
Flowmeter:	- OPTISONIC 7300: DN 500/20" and DN250/10", 150lbs, 316L, with SS transducers - OPTISONIC 8300: DN 150/6" and DN200/8", 150lbs, 316L

Remarks:

- Standard pitot tube measurement not accurate enough (+/-5%)
 - No calibrated measurement
 - Provided issues with regulator
- Issue: Zone 0 in tube → OPTISONIC 8300 solution
 - > 1 mm stainless steel window



Applications: Petrochemical, Refineries

OPTISONIC 7300 application Emission measurement

Specific benefits:

- No pressure drop
- Measurement from zero flow
- Independent of gas composition
- Diagnostics activates the purging system



Applications: Oil and Gas

High pressure gas

Customer: Statoil and
Location: Norway and
Process: Unmanned production platform
Medium: Natural gas
Flowmeter: OPTISONIC 7300 for high pressure

Remarks:

- Gas lift for optimal oil production
- Up to 431 bar un-decoupled transducer
- For wet gas decoupled transducer up to 257 bar

Specific benefits:

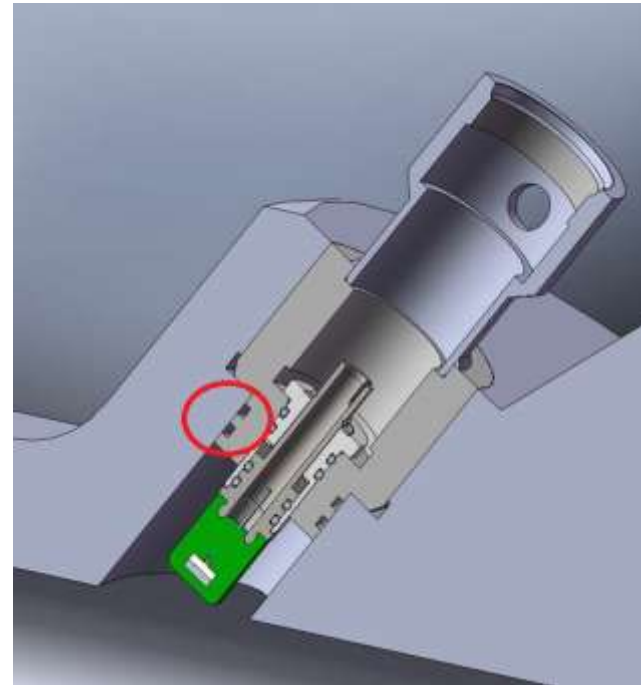
- Excellent long term stability
- No influence of changing process conditions in time (30 years)



Applications: Oil and Gas

High pressure wet gas

- Decoupled transducer
- Max pressure: 257 Bar.
- Space around transducer to avoid acoustic short cut
- Test at wet gas lab NEL in July 2016



Applications: Other industries

Compressed air

Customer: KIA car factory
Location: Czech republic
Medium: Dry compressed air, 600 kPa at 40 ° C
Flowmeter: 2 x OPTISONIC 7300 DN250, PN10
→ Pressure sensor (0 - 10 bar g)
→ Temperature sensor (0-100°C)
With output 4-20 mA, connected to the converter for standard volume calculation

Specific benefits:

- Bi-directional flow and quantity measurement of compressed air with conversion to reference conditions
- Measuring range 0 - 20 000 Nm³/h

Other customer with similar applications: Audi car factories, Belgium and Hungary



Applications: Other industries

Compressed air

Customer: Atlas Copco
Location: Belgium
Process: R&D labs
Medium: Dry compressed air
Flowmeter: OPTISONIC 7300/ ALTOSONIC V12 (CT gasflowmeter)

Remarks:

- Must be accurate to improve the compressors
- Traditionally an orifice plate is/ was used (1%)
- OPTISONIC 7300 with 1% accuracy was tried
was not accurate enough

Specific Benefit:

- ALTOSONIC V12 was proposed.
- The higher accuracy did pay off (0,5% of MV)
- Very good repeatability



Applications: Compressed air

DP (differential pressure) flowmeters

Cost of a proper 4"/DN100 orifice flowmeter according to ISO 5167-2 (Orifice plates) for measurement of air, for 1% accuracy (Euro)

Orifice plate	400
Measurement of orifice plate incl. report	400
Flow pipe 20D, pipe with special tolerances	12.000
Multivariable dP measurement incl. flowcomputer	2000
Temperature sensor + installation	1000
Installation impulse lines + fitting	2000
Total	17.800

Standard CT Ultrasonic Flowmeter without extra calibrations is in line with this investment



Applications: Food industry



Customer: Suikerunie
Location: Groningen
Process: Sugar from sugar beets
Medium: Biogas, methane concentration: 84 %
Flowmeter: OPTISONIC 7300 **Biogas** DN150

Remarks:

- Remaining pulp and other bio feedstock collected
- Annual feed in of 100.000 tons of bio feedstock.
- Annual production of 16 million m3 of biogas

Benefits:

- Measurement of dry and wet biogas with variable compositions
- Integrated temperature and pressure sensor (option)
- Integrated methane content measurement (internal flowcomputer)
- No moving parts and no pressure drop

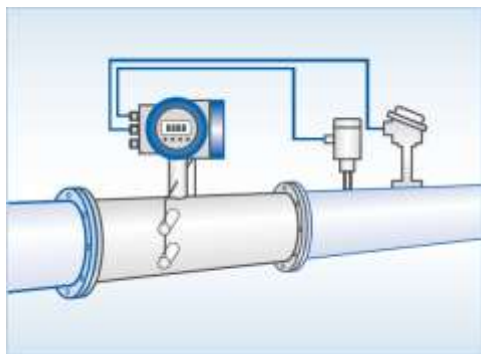


Applications: Food industry

Converter functions

Integrated functionality

- Methane content calculation with standard temperature sensor
- Optional conversion to standard condition using optional pressure sensor
- Calculation to standard conditions is according to the universal gas law for ideal gases



Actual: 100 °C, 100 Bara



Standard: 0 °C, 1 Bara



Applications: Food industry

Measurement of methane content

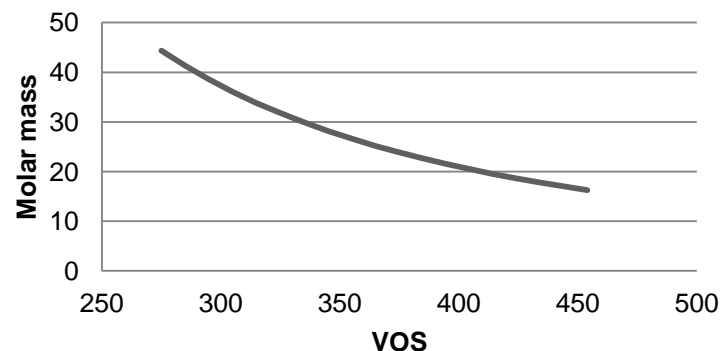
- Molweight can be calculated from VOS and temperature using the following formula:

$$M = \frac{\gamma RT_{actual}}{VoS^2}$$

Molweights: CO₂ = 44, CH₄ = 16

- γ = adiabatic index, pre-set value into the flowmeter electronics, for the CO₂/CH₄ mixture an average value of 1,31 is entered.
- R = molar gas constant, approximately 8.3145 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹.
- T_{actual} = Gas temperature in Kelvin, via mA input on the GFC 300
- VoS = velocity of sound of the gas

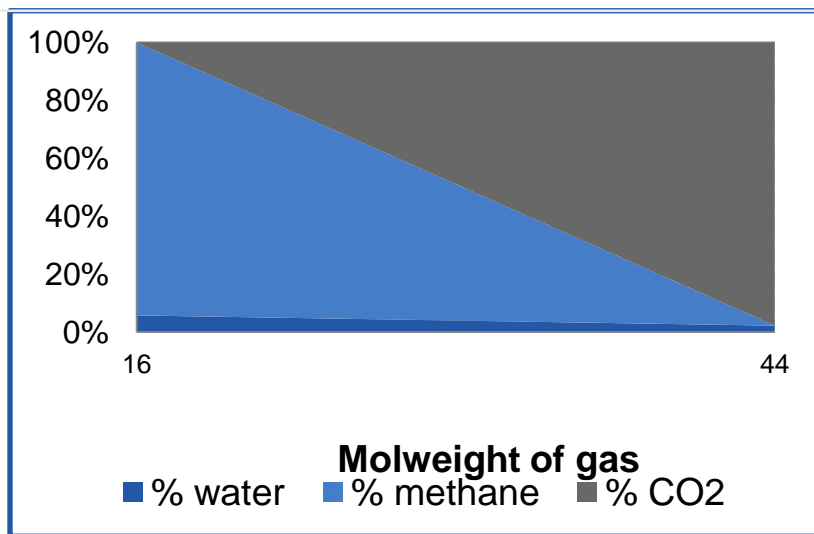
Molar mass calculation from VOS



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Measurement of methane content

- After this the methane content is directly available when biogas is composed of methane and carbon dioxide.
- MW = 16 → 100 % methane, 0 % CO₂
MW = 44 → 0 % methane, 100 % CO₂ A current output can be set up to indicate 4 mA at MW=16 and 20 mA at MW=44
- Accuracy of methane content calculation is +/-2 %





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Pressure measurement



Temperature measurement



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